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BUDGETARY (P&B) DATA ON A4C AIRCRAFT

REF: (A) MASM, PART III, CHAPTER C, PARA 7C
(B) 77 STATE 207984 (DTG R310241Z AUG 77)

1. THE GOI HAS REQUESTED P&B DATA ON TWENTY EIGHT EXCESS
A4C AIRCRAFT STORED AT THE MILITARY AIRCRAFT SURPLUS AND
DISPOSAL COMMAND (MASDC). THE GOI INTENT IS TO HAVE THESE
AIRCRAFT MODIFIED AND SUPPORTED BY A US CONTRACTOR.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARA 5E REF B.

A. THE GOI INTENDS TO USE THE A4 PRIMARILY IN AN
AIR-TO-GROUND ROLE IN SUPPORT OF THE INDONESIAN ARMY.
THE A4 WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH MOST PART OF THE ARCHIPELAGO.
NO AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY IN THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE (IAF)
INVENTORY HAS THAT CAPABILITY.

B. THE SALE WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES. THE SALE OF THE A4 TO INDONESIA WOULD NOT
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INTRODUCE A NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM TO SOUTHEAST ASIA
SINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE CURRENTLY OPERATES
THE A4 AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA IS NEGOTIATING
AN A4 PACKAGE WITH A US CONTRACTOR.
C. IF THE A4 IS MODIFIED AND SUPPORTED BY A US
CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED IN
INDONESIA FOR MAINTENANCE TRAINING AND ADVANCED PILOT

TRAINING. IT IS LIKELY FOUR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS
COULD ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK IN A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.
THE IAF COULD OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE A4 IF THEY OBTAIN
SUFFICIENT TRAINING AND CONTRACTOR SUPPORT.

D. GOI OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE A4 WOULD
BE FINANCED OUT OF THEIR BUDGET FROM CASH. HOWEVER IT
IS VERY LIKELY CREDIT WILL BE REQUIRED FOR MODIFICATION
OF THE A4.

E. THE GOI IS COMMITTED TO A PROGRAM OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT WITH ONLY A LIMITED PORTION OF THEIR FEDERAL
BUDGET ALLOCATED TO DEFENSE. THE SALE OF THE A4 TO
INDONESIA WOULD NOT CAUSE A LARGER SHARE OF THE NATIONAL
BUDGET TO BE SPENT ON DEFENSE.

F. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE SALE OF THE A4
TO INDONESIA WOULD AFFECT HUMAN RIGHTS.

G. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS PROVIDING P&B DATA TO THE
GOI.

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